

**Regional Services Council Minutes**  
**Region 3**  
**Monday December 19, 2005**  
**10:00am**  
**Thomas N. Frederick Juvenile Justice Center**  
**1000 South Michigan Street**  
**South Bend, Indiana 46601**

**Members present:** Chuck Smith, Director St. Joseph County; Peggy Shively, Director Kosciusko County; Tony Sommer, Director Elkhart County, Michael Carroll, Director Marshall County; Judge Peter J. Nemeth, St. Joseph County; Magistrate Deborah Domine, Elkhart County; Linda L. Cioch, Regional Manager

**Introductions of Members:** Introductions were made of all present.

**Charge of the Council:** Discussed the purpose of the Regional Services Council. The main charge is for the RSC to ensure that all children in the State of Indiana, specifically in each region are afforded equal services regardless of the size of county that they come from.

**Membership:** Discussion of the required members of the council. Discussion ensued and Chuck Smith volunteered to “sit out” this term as a voting member. Terry Zornig of St. Joseph County will be the supervisor sitting in on the council. (Chuck Smith will notify her.) Sally Greenlee of Marshall County will be the FCM2 sitting in on the council. (Michael Carroll will notify her.) Discussion of the CASA coming from Kosciusko County (more discussion next meeting).

**Existing Services and Service Gaps:** Regional Manager handed out services for the counties, but found that it was the possible projected services versus existing services. I will attempt to locate the copy of the existing services for the next meeting.

**Child Welfare Services Plan:** Explained that the role of the RSC would be to discuss the submitted contracts and the time line when the scoring and “voting” would be due. Also got into a discussion about the Open Door Law and that our meetings would fall under that. Judge Nemeth checked the sit for that and verified that it does apply. It was explained that the contracts would be scored as before by the individual counties (as this is what the group agreed on) and then the final scored contracts would be presented to the RSC for their advice.

**Future Meetings:** Discussion determined that a set meeting date and time would be beneficial for everyone in attendance. The meetings will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month with the next meeting scheduled for January 23, 2006 at 10:00AM. It was also decided that the meetings would be rotated, therefore the next meeting will be held at the Elkhart County Office of Family and Children located at 347 W. Lusher Ave, Elkhart, IN 46517.